

NEWS FROM THE KEEPER OF NEW YORK HARBOR

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Crew shines both on and off duty!

Welcome aboard! Katherine Walker was exceptionally busy this quarter in a variety of operations that showcased the cutter and crew's multi-mission capability. We completed buoy tending operations throughout Long Island Sound and New York Harbor. One of the major missions was to upgrade the buoys, numbering scheme and lighting system in Kill Van Kull, one of NY's busiest waterways. The crew worked diligently to ensure the project was completely quickly and professionally, garnering



ETI Alec Goenner participates as a Partner in Education event and helps students from a local science class.



The crew performs "in water" survival training with anti-exposure suits...a.k.a. Gumby Suits named after the cartoon.

Week celebration. We coordinated security during the inbound parade of ships, hosted a Search and Rescue demonstration and gave over 1900 inport tours. We also hosted over 250 underway guests including Naval Historical Societies and school groups. Though a very busy operational mission, the crew did an excellent job. Enjoy this edition.

*LT Amy E. Florentino
Commanding Officer*

praise from the commercial mariners. We traveled north to Boston for annual engineering tests and work projects. We also completed several training evolutions including cold water survival gear and a gunnery exercise. The crew continued its exceptional standard of public outreach, participating in several Partnership in Education Events from a Girl Scout Boating Safety seminar to assistance with local science classes. During the last week of May, the crew served as a public affairs and security asset for New York's Fleet



The crew completes a gunnery training exercise in preparation for Fleet Week security duties.

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BRAVO ZULU CORNER!

- *SN Charles Smith departed for Boat-swains Mate School in Yorktown, VA. Good Luck!*
- *Petty Officer Hayes was advanced to Chief Electrician's Mate on June 01, 2008. Keep up the good work!*
- *MK2 Rebecca Saraduke departed for her new station in Vallejo, CA after being named Sailor of the Quarter (Jan-Mar 08).*
- *Welcome aboard to Seaman Julien from TRACEN Cape May.*

Security and Pubic Outreach shape our role for Fleet Week 2008

Katherine Walker was called upon to participate in Fleet Week 2008 as a multi mission asset. The crew aptly juggled duties ranging from public tours to security duties. The crew hosted over 1900 public tours in Manhattan and Staten Island. We also hosted several underway guests. A local JROTC group assisted with ceremonial duties during the parade of ship's by manning the rails and rendering honors to



Ground Zero and senior Naval Vessels. Their assistance allowed the crew to focus on coordinating their security zone duties during the parade. KW was also a center piece during a Search and Rescue exercise. Media, a local Boy Scout Troop and a U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Division were able to see a Coast Guard helicopter, a Rescue Swimmer and two Marine Safety and Security Response Boats in action.



Left: Response boats zip by the KW during a Search and Rescue demo.

Above: JROTC students render honors to a Naval Vessel

Right: KW crew, in dress uniforms, get ready for tours



Pyrotechnics Training

The crew completed training on handheld distress signals known as pyrotechnics in May. All vessels including military, recreational or commercial must carry visual distress signals approved for daytime and nighttime use. Ships carry these devices to attract help in case of an emergency. KW's crew must remain proficient in the use of both day and night time pyrotechnics. This



is particularly important for any of our crew who are qualified in the small boat. KW's small boat crew often operates with two or three people independently of the cutter. The boat crew needs to be experts in hand held pyrotechnics in case of emergency. Another benefit of the training is building our search and rescue capability. The crew must be able to recognize the characteristics of emergency flares and smoke signals, which may be issued from a mariner in distress. Quick recognition of distress signals will prompt immediate response and minimize the dangers of a potential search and rescue case.

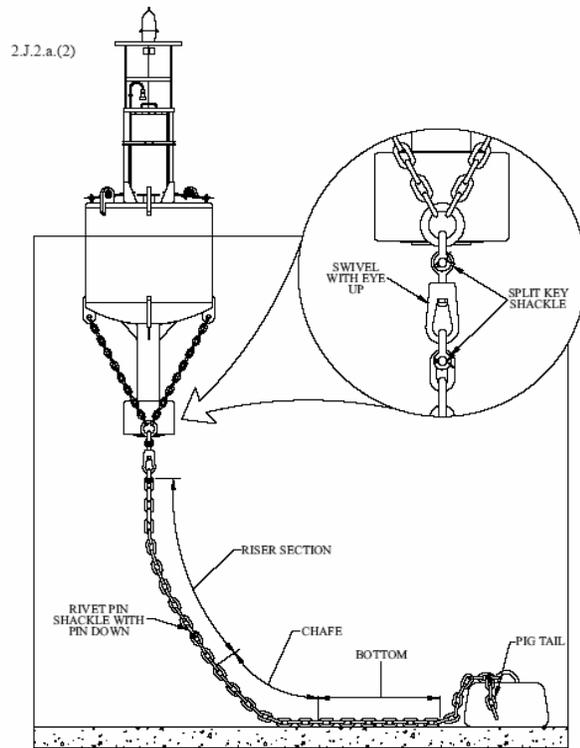
Team Coast Guard at work!

Katherine Walker's crew was called to assist Coast Guard Cutter Penobscot Bay with their computerized charting system installation. During the installation, the Penobscot Bay was required to load a 500 pound computer server on their bridge. The bridge is an upper deck of the ship used for navigating. This task proved too daunting to complete by hand and was further complicated by the ship's narrow passageways. Katherine Walker helped solved the dilemma by transferring the equipment from the pier to our buoy deck and then aboard the Penobscot Bay's bridge. The successful evolution highlighted the precise ship handling and weight handling expertise of Katherine Walker's crew.



Heat—N—Beat!

Ever wonder why we pick buoys up on deck? The buoy is connected to the bottom of the ocean by chain and a sinker. The area of the chain called the “chafe” is worn away slowly by the waves, weather and currents. When the “chafe” is worn too thin the buoy might break free from the bottom. KW’s deck force prevents this by keeping close measurements and replacing the chain as needed.



KW helps Staten Island Marina commemorate Memorial Day

On the Saturday before Memorial Day, Katherine Walker had the unique opportunity to provide security for a wreath laying ceremony off Staten Island. The cutter provided both security and a picturesque backdrop for the event, which took place at Tottenville Marina. The event was run by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and local VFW. The ceremony was held at the marina and concluded with a color guard, shown to the right, dedicating a wreath to sea in memory of all fallen heroes. An Auxiliary vessel then took custody of the wreath and

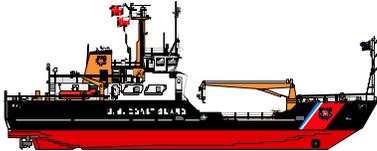


proceeded toward open ocean. Katherine Walker continued to provide security as the crew escorted the Auxiliary vessel to Great Beds Light House, shown to the left. At the light house, the Auxiliary members then dedicated the wreath to sea for a final time.

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We are on the web:

<http://www.uscg.mil/d1/units/cgckatherinewalker/>

What is a discrepancy?



One of Katherine Walker's major responsibilities is to fix discrepant buoys. This means that the equipment on the aid is not working and it is our job to fix it. Broken buoys have to be fixed within a certain time depending on their importance. Due to the congestion in NY Harbor many of discrepancies are caused by vessels colliding with buoys. Shown to the left is the crew fixing a buoy with a broken solar panel and light.

KW hosts Belgium Minister of Defense!

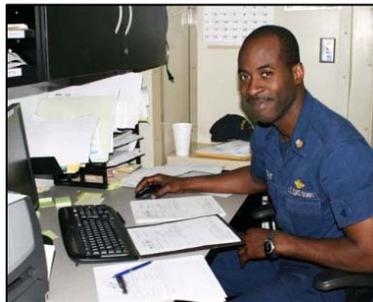
Katherine Walker's crew hosted the Belgian Minister of Defense and several senior officials for a harbor tour this June. The Belgian officials worked with senior officers from Sector NY to cultivate strong international partners. They also focused on improved maritime intelligence. The guests were picked up on the Hudson River in



Manhattan and provided an excellent lunch from KW's crew. After lunch they enjoyed a photo opportunity at the Statue of Liberty and were presented with an US Coast Guard AMVER award for international search and rescue. Shown to the left is the Belgian Defense crest and above the Minister is presenting KW with a plaque.

SK1 Douglas is a native of the Island Kingston, Jamaica. SK1 Douglas moved from the Island of Jamaica in 1985 to Miami, Fl. In 1992 his family moved from Florida to Queens NY. SK1 Douglas applied for and receive his Citizenship at the Age of 18. After High school he attended Devry University. After College he decided to join the military and after extensive research the Coast Guard was the choice for him. SK1 Douglas has one son "De'quan Douglas". SK1 Douglas has been in for over ten years and served in the Coast Guard Presidential Honor Guard from 1998 to 2000. He then went to SK "A" School in May of 2000 and graduated in June of 2000 from which he was assigned to Coast Guard Group Moriches in Long Island, NY. SK1 Douglas transferred from Group Moriches in July 2004 and served as a Company Commander in Cape May, NJ Training the future Guardians of the Sea. In June 2007 SK1 Douglas transferred to CGC Katherine Walker and serves proudly to present.

Meet the Crew!



Left: SK1 Kenrick Douglas hard at work with the cutter's financial systems and book keeping.

Right: MK2 Jon Morris getting down and dirty in the engine room.



MK2 Jonathan Morris is a native of Elsmere, Delaware. At the age of 21 he proudly proclaimed himself the King of Delaware in a crowded Italian restaurant. No one opposed him and he has carried the nickname ever since. He enlisted in 2000 and was quickly stationed onboard CGC Harriet Lane. After 14 months he was transferred to the Loran Station Port Clarence followed by three grueling years onboard CGC CAPTSTAN as Assistant Engineering Petty Officer. MK2 is now a superb member of CGC KATHERINE WALKER'S engineering department. He is responsible for Hazardous Waste coordination, Motor Vehicle Safety, and is a member of the On Board Training Team. Some time in 2007 he was proclaimed King Karaoke by his shipmates. He accomplished one his Coast Guard goals on May 17th 2007 when he earned a permanent Cutterman pin. His ultimate goal is to become a Master Chief Machinery Technician.